FEEDBACK

I Have read some of your literature which I found most interesting. I am studying a social science course as a foundation to prepare myself for the Open University for 1984.

I believe some of your literature could aid my educational advancement but I alas, cannot afford your books and papers.

Therefore if you have any spare magazines or books I would welcome them. Please do not throw them away or allow them to collect dust, when a person is willing to read them.

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Any readers who can help out would be appreciated.

In the USA, a Black Cross section has been set up in Florida. The address is: BLACK CROSS, c/o G.B. P.O. Box 541, ORLANDO, Florida 3280, USA.

INTERNMENT

A week after the publication of the last issue of 'Black Flag' the national press carried news that the government intended to revive its plans to deal with peace protesters and that it was developing a strategy of escalation: specifically to increase the nature of the charges, to increase the prison sentences, and to make significantly more arrests if the situation got out of hand. The charges the government indicated they would consider using were Criminal Trespass and Conspiracy. Each of these carry severe sentences, depending on the context. Conspiracy to commit criminal damage, for example, could be used in the context of wire cutting at Greenham, in conjunction with an invasion of the base, to inflict severe sentences of imprisonment. This progressive escalation of the penalties in parallel with any intensification of protest is only to be expected.

Internment is strictly a last resort option if all else fails.

N.B. Because of the large number of arrests that have taken place, there is now a backlog in the courts in Newbury of more than 2 months. In the meantime it has been revealed that any soldier caught talking to a peace protester will be charged and disciplinary proceedings will be undertaken. Is disaffection to be the next issue and is the government now admitting that the loyalty of its troops are in question?

SOLIDARIDAD OBRERA.

'Soli', the CNT weekly published in Barcelona, has resumed publication after being suspended owing to its financial crisis. Other publications appear to be flowing again. Any Spanish speaking readers can support them by subscribing:

BLACKSTAR

After a break of some 8 months, former members of the Blackstar collective (Tyne & Wear), now living in the Buckinghamshire area, wish to announce the relaunching of the paper *BLACKSTAR*. Vol.2 No1. should be out in the Autumn. Articles, letters and graphics should be sent to:

GLASGOW DAM
Glasgow DAM can be contacted c/o Box 33, 488 Great western Road, Glasgow.

SONGS FOR SWINGING SCROUNGERS No. 1 *THE RED FLAG (GLASGOW VERSION)*

The People's Flag is Black and Red
Though Michael Kelly says it's dead
He tells the bosses we're all tame
But we refuse to play the game....

We do not want the Bosses here
And we will make it loud and clear
So down with Kelly's Mr Men
We'll sing the Red Flag once again....

Michael Kelly is the Mayor who invited the C.B.I. and initiated the 'Glasgow Smiles Better' Mr Men campaign.

On 7th November the Confederation of British Industry held its first Conference in Glasgow. It was the first time that they had been in Scotland so the Clydeside Anarchists decided not to miss the chance of giving them a 'welcome'....We had done a good deal of preparation work, poster runs, leafleting etc. We managed to get between 25-30 people along at 9am.

We got plenty of media coverage in 3 Scottish papers, local radio and local and national TV news. We were not altogether disappointed with this as it had not been the intention of the picket.

Whilst outside we hurled abuse at the bosses and handed out leaflets. A song to the tune of the 'Red Flag' had been written and was sung to the amusement of all.

The Labour Lord Provost, who invited the bosses here, was seen driving by in a car but he slipped in the back, so we couldn't tell him what we thought of him.

Altogether it was quite an eventful day for the C.B.I. There was our picket, a picket by telephone engineers, a bomb scare and a power cut! Not all of these things were of our doing but I hope they got the message from Glasgow.

Clydeside Anarchists
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NOURY FRAME-UP

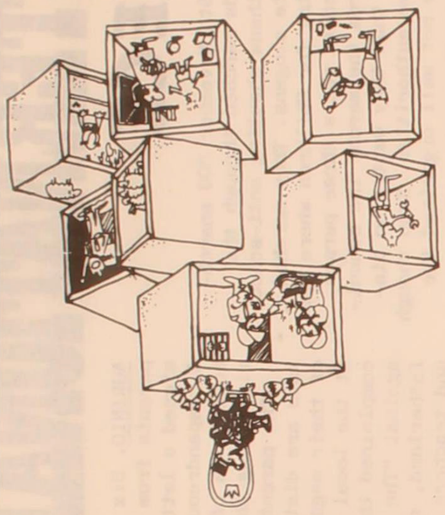
PRISON LETTER

Comrades,

Just a few lines to let you know that my two lawyers have informed me that my 2 charges against me will finally be dealt with at the same time as I wanted and hoped and will be judged by the servants of the State, on Thurs. 5 Jan. 1984 at 13.30pm at the 10th Criminal Court of the Place of Justice, Paris, 4 Boulevard du Palais 75001 Paris, in one trial only - in its indictment the Prosecutor dropped the charge of theft with violence and in conspiracy with other persons, which was by far the most serious charge, and without any grounds whatsoever entirely fabricated by the police during my interrogation.

So I am left with charges of possession of arms, ammunition and explosives, receiving stolen goods and of forgery of administrative documents.

Many witnesses have come forward in my favour, others are still coming to me or my lawyers. I hope that the court will take them into account as well as the petition circulating in my favour at the moment. I know that one radio programme will be spent on my case a few days before my trial (Radio Libertaire 145 Rue Amelot, 75011 Paris). Some people will come in person to be witness at the trial - when I will come up for the trial, it will have been a year more or less since my arrest. One year of prison corresponding to 15 or 16 months of theoretical imprisonment, with the play of pardons!

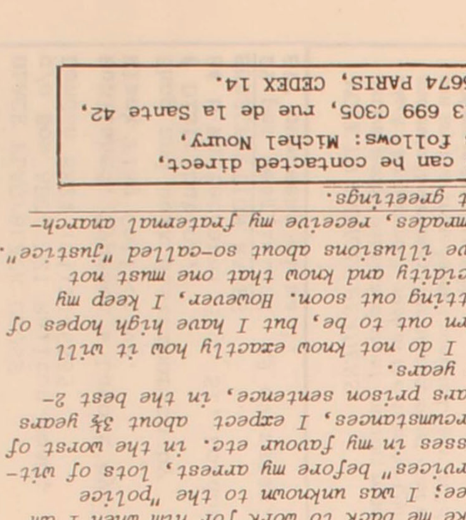


I am satisfied about the tone of my case for the moment, my lawyers have been efficient in the way of handling my affairs. Now for the trial...

Lots of elements are in my favour. I worked before my arrest, I had a home I still keep, my boss will come as a witness for me at the hearing and will take me back to work for him when I am free; I was unknown to the "police services" before my arrest, lots of witnesses in my favour etc. in the worst of circumstances, I expect about 3½ years prison sentence, in the best 2-2½ years.

I do not know exactly how it will turn out to be, but I have high hopes of getting out soon. However, I keep my lucidity and know that one must not have illusions about so-called "justice". Comrades, receive my fraternal anarchist greetings.

He can be contacted direct, as follows: Michel Noury, 213 699 C305, rue de la Sante 42, 75674 PARIS, CEDEX 14.



BLACK FLAG

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSBULLETIN — Vol VII 4£ — 20p

2-12-'83

Michel is an anarchist and has been active in the movement for the last 15 years or so, since he was 16 years of age. In 1968 he was a founder member of a militant group affiliated to la Federation Anarchiste and Jeune Libertaire. In the mid-70's Michel helped to found another group with the specific intention of combatting state terrorism. The group was active in prison struggles, anti-militarism and it was not long before the authorities decided that Michel should lose his freedom.

PRISONS

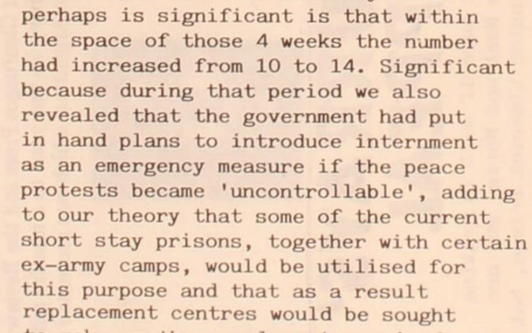
Despite the High Court ruling that the disciplinary hearings made against the Albany prisoners accused of rioting were contrary to natural justice, some of them are still being kept in the punishment block in strip cells. Paul Norney, Charles McGhee, Steven Blake and Anthony Clarke are all being held in this way. Norney has completed his sentence of 56 days solitary, but despite the ruling, has now spent a total of 6 months in a strip cell at Durham. McGhee has been in solitary for over 184 days - even though the charges brought against him were quashed after 53 days. Some prisoners whose hearings have yet to be heard have been put in solitary even though they have not yet been given the chance to defend themselves. These include Paul Hills in Wormwood, Alec McPheeland (and others) in Wandsworth, Eddie O'Neill and Michael Jamieson in Brixton, etc.

Jim McCaig broke out of Canterbury to draw attention to the terrible conditions in prison and, in particular, the excessive use, or abuse, of rule 43b.

John Bowden, who was himself on a blanket protest at rule 43b, has made the following statement: "I am VERY worried about what the Waldorf-murdering Metropolitan Police will do to Jimmy McCaig. He has made his protest now and it is important that he surrenders peacefully, that he stays alive, and that he continue to expose all that has been happening in British prisons."

All prisoners are political prisoners by fact of the conscious political decision of government and of society to deal with them in that manner. It is feared when (if) he does surrender what has happened to "troublemakers" in the past will happen to McCraig: the cops or screws will bust him up for the trouble he's caused, each blaming the other and neither getting the blame!

Almost one month to the day after it was revealed in Black Flag that the government intended to add 10 new prisons to its programme, the national press and TV news carried the story. What perhaps is significant is that within the space of those 4 weeks the number had increased from 10 to 14. Significant because during that period we also revealed that the government had put in hand plans to introduce internment as an emergency measure if the peace protests became 'uncontrollable', adding to our theory that some of the current short stay prisons, together with certain ex-army camps, would be utilised for this purpose and that as a result replacement centres would be sought to make up the complement required. Certain of the 4 new prisons will be able to take on this function. The four in question will be built at Bicester, Milton Keynes (just what every New Town needs!), March (Cambs.) and Lancaster. The latter is intended to become a Youth Custody centre (ie, a borstal), while the first two are intended to function as short term prisons; March Prison will take on a dispersal role for mainly category 'B' prisoners. The government is arguing that the new prisons are needed to help ease out on current overcrowding. More likely, though, that they will meet the increase in demand that the government predicts in its forecasts for petty crime as a direct result of its economic strategy. Without being cynical, the question to be asked is, will all future 5 year economic plans automatically from now on include a 5 year prison estimate as well?



RIOT CONTROL

According to City Limits, the independent London listings paper, the Metropolitan Police authority have borrowed a couple of water cannons from the West German authorities and they intend to test them out for possible deployment in cases of civil protest. 8 water cannons are already available - but are currently tied up in the north of Ireland; they are of two types: Saracen mounted and another - the Pig Squirt - mounted on an armoured personnel carrier. The Home Office is not too keen on either of these types for deployment on the mainland. Instead an alternative is being examined: a new riot control vehicle of which, we believe, we have obtained detailed plans. We intend to publish these specifications in the next Quarterly, if the accuracy of our findings is confirmed.

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THE CASE OF RONALD WALDRON

Ronald Waldron was convicted a few weeks ago of killing his five year old nephew. In the course of his trial he pleaded - apparently in extenuation - that he had killed 19 people besides, and what was one nephew more or less.

Waldron claimed to have been working for the Special Branch against Irish and Palestinian nationalists, he seems to have also claimed to be working for the Palestinians against dissident Arabs and Zionists, including such acts as synagogue-burning. Then he dismissed his solicitor and denied the story.

He has chosen another solicitor to act for him, a Mr Rex Makin, a leader of the Liverpool Jewish community, who has previously defended British Movement activists charged with desecrating synagogues and gravestones.

The case gets curiouser and curiouser. Special Branch decline to discuss the matter.

OPEN MEMBERSHIP

On the day that Cruise missiles arrived in this country, a group calling itself 'Open Membership' carried out a sabotage raid on Tarmac Roadstone's Bellstone Quarry in North Nottinghamshire. The group, who in their statement to the press said their actions "revived the spirit of the Luddites" slashed conveyor belts, damaged a crane engine, daubed slogans and caused hundreds of pounds worth of damage.

Tarmac have just finished a £11.5 miilion contract building silos at Greenham Common for Cruise missiles; Open Membership "would like them to spend some of this disgusting blood money on repairing this equipment and on lost production."

NUCLEAR FREE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SHEFFIELD IN SHOCKING ATOM FLASK HORROR

All Britain's Nuclear waste flasks are made in Sheffield. Sheffield Forgemasters make them at £250,000 each. So far a dozen or so 50 Tonne flasks have been made for the Central Electricity Generating Board, to transport highly radio-active waste (spent nuclear fuel) by rail across Britain.

Further business includes TRIDENT MISSILE LAUNCHERS and future nuclear power station work. The 4,000 employee company formed a year ago after the merger of Firth Brown & BSC River Don works. The flasks are produced at the River Don works. the Trident Missile Launchers?

Source: A.Glow

A recent collision between a truck carrying back an empty flask to Windscale and another vehicle on a motorway is rumoured to have resulted in cracks in the flask despite the latest 'solid steel' design which replaced the fabricated steel welded together model.

M.P.s KICK CRIPPLES

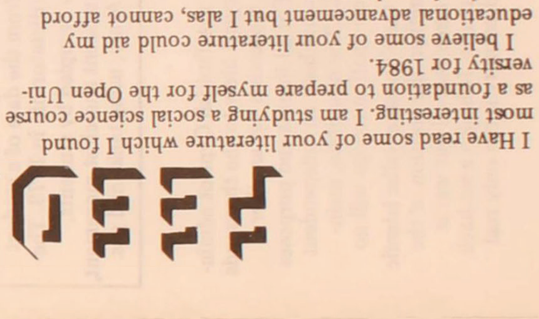
The usual routine of leaving the House of Commons early on Friday so as to get a long weekend and to get out of voting on the Private Members' Bills was broken with the Tories staying in till late so as to vote out a proposal to make illegal any discrimination against disabled people. Out in the street the people sitting in wheelchairs and on crutches etc. tried to blockade the entrances to the Commons in a lively show of resistance.

LOCK'S LUCK?

Since the Iranian Embassy siege all the hostages have suffered long term psychological damage due to the appaling degradations they endured. However, what has not so far been revealed is that the Police Constable involved : Trevor Lock - is now so scarred by the incident that he has no control over his bowels should a door be slammed near him.

Also, the one 'terrorist' who escaped death and was detained for Her Majesties Pleasure, has after a period of solitary confinement, 'disappeared' according to a high-ranking officer attached to the diplomatic protection squad (them that drive the Red vehicles and carry guns). Other prisoners have had the same treatment he claimed and there are plenty more in prison they would love to do away with.

Meanwhile those people deported back to Iran for un-British like protests (attacking the Police and the Property of Governments) have since disappered at the hands of Khomeini's Revolutionary (sic) Guards.



The advantages of being educated by the Jesuits: Cardinal Basil Hume, R.C. Archbishop of England & Wales, has given the odd official Catholic position on the nuclear bomb. One must bear in mind he wants both to serve the State and not alienate members of his flock who don't want to be blown to pieces before they get to glory. He has declared that we *must* have the nuclear bomb. But we shouldn't use it.

Well, archbishops expect to get the benefits of both worlds.

NUCLEAR ENERGY: It'll cost the Earth!

Some Facts about the Nuclear Industry:

- NUCLEAR POWER, like nuclear weapons, can only bring death and destruction to the world, at first the working people of the world.
-NUCLEAR POWER is not a cheap source of electricity.
-POWER STATIONS are built at high profits - at our expense.
-Employing few workers, once built, nuclear reactors are easily controlled by Governments looking forward to the day they can do without troublesome coal miners and other workers in the power industry.
- A PRIMARY REASON for nuclear reactors is to provide the raw material for nuclear bombs.

The Government plans to dump its nuclear garbage under Billingham, a direct threat to the people of Billingham and the generations to come. Oppose the plans; organise to build a better safer world.

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NOTE TO ANXIOUS READERS:
Several people have asked about "missing regular Black Flag features" - such as the Anarcho-Quiz, and even (touchingly) the balance sheet - but we can say that these haven't vanished, they still do appear in the Quarterly.

The next Quarterly will appear at Yuletide.
This will be the last Fortnightly of the year.

NOT AN EXCLUSIVE

Scotland Yard sent a detective-sergeant round to 121 Railton Road to enquire about an article in a previous issue as it allegedly contained matter about a bombing attack which *had not appeared in the Press and could only have been known through some other source.*

It *had* appeared in the Press: the material facts had been in the Evening Standard and the Guardian. "Collapse of stout party", as Punch used to say. It would be interesting to know if they followed this up with the logical conclusion and take off the offending pressmen (not likely).

Our representative told Scotland Yard they had a nerve coming to 121 Railton Road...how did they think we had time to write boring political articles between the games of blackjack and faro, with refreshments available from the bar and other delights from the hustlers? Only a month or so ago the Brixton police chief told the press that this was an illegal drinking and gambling club like the other unraided joint round the corner - and they wouldn't make him out a liar, would they?



GERMANY

On 11 June 1982, 10,000 peace demonstrators gathered in West Berlin to protest at the visit of Reagun.

During the demo the police kept an eye out for people the computers had classified as "dangerous". During the demo, the pigs attacked violently and arrested over 200 people and caused many injuries.

Of these 5 were chosen to strand trial among them a Greek student living in Berlin, Minas Kontos. The 5 are threatened with heavy sentences thanks to the offences they are charged with, organisation of a terrorist group, serious disturbance of public order and damage to police vehicles. From the day of their arrest they have been imprisoned in Moabit top security jail where they are kept in glass cages.

They have spent over 19 months in jail and their friends say they are being used to create a new climate of fear to attack the anti-war movement. So far three defence/support groups have been formed, in Berlin, Munich and Athens. Comrades are urged to support the five.

Comrade Minos Kontos can be contacted in jail: An Min Kontos, UHA MOABIT ALT MOABIT 12A, 1000 BERLIN 21. W.Deutschland. (Germany)

Source: SOLIDARITY, GREECE.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

GREECE

On Saturday 5th November 200 anarchist schoolkids marched through the streets of Athens shouting anti-school and anti-state slogans. They marched to the Ministry for Children where the minister asked to see a three person delegation from the march. The schoolkids replied that they wanted no dialogue with the authorities. Even though the march was not well organised the turn-out was pretty good.

The march follows much activity by anarchists in the schools since September. Tens of thousands of leaflets have been distributed in all the schools in the Athens-Piraeus areas. There have also been fairly large public discussions. In Piraeus a movement against the school elections was organised with 150 pupils active. In the same school the pupils also decided that the principles of direct democracy will be practiced in all school assemblies. The Parties have denounced all this activity by the schoolkids as the work of reactionary provocateurs. At one pupils meeting in a youth club in Piraeus the police arrived and threatened the kids with pieces of wood and hand-guns whilst asking questions and carrying out body searches.

The kids are aiming at forming a functional organisation for the schoolkids to fight against the state, the politicians and the general system of education.

The Anarchist Pupils Groups of Salonika have also been a tive leafletting their schools recently.

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The day after the police invasion of the schoolkids meeting, 50 anarchists held a protest rally in Piraeus.

Four days later various fascists threatened a comrade with a knife, in front of the cops, who did nothing of course (but as the comrades say "we don't wish for the protection of the police"). Still later they hit another comrade with sticks as he was returning home. The fascists wouldn't pick on people when they are with friends but feel free to attack people on their own.

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ΑΛΛΗΛΕΓΓΥΗ

The Anarchist Group of Kolonos Athens originally planned to do their own magazine. The end result is a 10,000 print run, well produced magazine, produced by groups from all over Athens, Pir us, Chania, Agrinio, Salonika and other places in Greece. They plan on coming out monthly. The excellent first issue contains news from within Greece, articles in solidarity with the Vancouver 5, Radio Libertaire and Mina Konto. Also several anti-militarist articles and an excellent article by an 83 year old internationalist on the' guerrilla war against the Nazi occupation and the unimaginable treachery of the communists. All in all it's an excel lent publication and highly recommended to all Greek readers.

SOLIDARITY, PO BOX 26050, 100 22 ATHENS GREECE. (Donations will be appreciated).

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AGRINIO. Six hundred and fourty-eight parents from the small town of Agrinio signed a letter to the prime minister A. Papandreou complain ing about the activities of the anarchists who are misleading their children.

The parents claim that the anarchists are distributing the second issue of their magazine LIBERTARIAN MOVEMENT at the local highschool. The parents complained that the anarchists are against "The belief in God, love of the fatherland, respect for us their parents and teachers etc." They add "...Anarchism creates destruction and misleads not a few young people. In our town they have begun to publish a periodical with the title LIBERTARIAN MOVEMENT, which is distributed even in the High School in our area. The cover carries the subtitle ANTI-AUTHORITARIAN JOURNAL OF AGRINIO and promotes Anarchism as a viable system. The other two things it promotes are: Drugs create even greater destruction....etc & An epidemic of insubordination...(unpermitted acts against a teacher, abstention from lessons, vandalism etc)."

The anarchists replied with an open letter which takes the piss out of the parents and adds "You see that anarchism spreads destruction. Yes, but only so long as you exist..."

SOURCE: Solidarity Magazine

In support with Radio Libertaire comrades in Athens "visited" the French Institute there wilst afternoon lessons were still in progress. The walls were duly sprayed with slogans. The president of the Institute and two other members of the staff tried to kick out the anarchists. They should have recovered by now....

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Two armed men from the Revolutionary Organisation of November 17 assassinated a U.S. Naval Officer, George Tsantes, on Tuesday 15th near Central Athens. The extreme leftist organisation, which has claimed responsibility for previous attacks against U.S. targets in Greece, takes its name from the date of a student uprising against the fascist dictatorship in 1973. The Polytechnic in Athens was occupied by students, including members of the nascent anarchist movement, and was put down by the Army, using tanks and gas.

CYPRUS

The declaration of UDI by the Turkish Cypriot administration,though a psychological blow to the thousands of Greek Cypriot refugees, represents yet another legal wrangle over words. For all intents and purposes the Northen half of Cyprus has been an independent state for the last few years....The new State, maintained by 25,000 Turkish occupation troops will no doubt be "recognised" by the Fundamentalist Islamic States. The move will strengthen the position of the hawks on both sides, who agree that all-out war is the only solution to the wrangle. It is also a set-back for those who argue that class unity is the only real answer to the problems.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SANTILLAN

On 18th October, Diego Abad de Santillan died in Barcelona at age 86. He was born in Leon, his real name being Sinesio Garcia Fernandez. He was active for many years in the building-up of the Argentine anarcho-syndicalist union (FORA) later destroyed by the military dictatorship. During the Spanish Civil War he returned to Spain and was one of the old-time anarchist militants who from being active in the anti-fascist militias, graduated into (and as a result in most cases degenerated) the Republican governement - in his case, as Minister for Energy, later Finance, in the Generalitat of Catalonia. He returned to militancy in Spain and Argentina after the war, and wrote a number of books. "After the Revolution -what?" appeared in English (N.Y. '37). Recently he wrote to Stuart Christie commending the publication of Cienfuegos Press and the Review; he himself was giving his last years to a massive publishing undertaking in Argentina, which was prevented by the dictatorship.



MURRAYS' APPEAL

We are not sure if mail is getting through to Noel and Marie, who are now both inside Limerick Prison, but - even though they are married - are still not allowed to see each other. If anyone is getting mail through we would appreciate it if they could let us know how they are. In the meantime it would be a good idea if we all let the prison authorities know just how many friends and supporters they have outside.

We therefore appeal to all readers to send a letter to Noel and Marie and for everyone to mail their letter at around the same time: say, Monday 12 December. Address the letter to: The Murray Family, Limerick Prison, Limerick, Ireland. (According to one contact this is how they preferred to be addressed, even if it means that the letter is disallowed.) Pass the idea on: within the space of a few days Limerick jail will suddenly be inundated with mail for the Murrays - if everyone writes that is.

When you write, tell them what is happening outside. Tell them what is happening in the anarchist movement in your part of the world and of your hopes. Tell them they are not forgotten, that they have thousands of supporters and friends who are determined to see them get out soon. Tell them they are not alone and that the resistance continues.

But don't be disappointed if you do not get a reply. Prisoners - if they are lucky - are allowed to reply to sometimes only one or two letters a month. Instead, send another letter a month later (every month if you can), until we are able to initiate talks with the Irish authorities and negotiate their early release. If we all keep the pressure up, by letting the prison authorities and the Dublin administration know that the support for the Murrays is worldwide, then perhaps there may be a chance of achieving what we seek.

BOLIVIA

Guerrillas bombed the Bolivian Parliament building causing extensi ve damage but no injuries. The new left-wing government has introduced strict austerity measures - even worse than those imposed by the outgoing government. Food and fuel prices have been substantially increased on top of a 60% devaluation of the peso. The guerrillas actions backed up a general one-day strike which took place on November 21. There is also an all-out strike by the public transport workers.

VANCOUVER 5

This first trial, of the Brink's conspiracy, weapons and theft charges, began with the entry of non guilty pleas from all 5 defendants and a motion from the defense to have the Direct Indictment set aside and the case returned to provincial court for the full preliminary hearing that an accused is entitled to. Motion denied by Judge S.M. Toy.

Then followed a 10 day examination of the effects of prejudicial pre-trial publicity on the right to a fair and impartial jury. Defense counsel called expert witnesses and played excerpts of the "Trial by Media" videotape in and an effort to have the charges stayed on the grounds of prejudice.

Dr. Jay Schulman was brought in as an expert of jury psychology and the impact of publicity on the public, having done similar work on the Daniel Ellsberg and Pentagon Papers, Attica Prison riot, Wounded Knee trial, SLA & other political cases. Through detailed dissection of newspaper articles, and tapes of radio and TV news broadcasts, it was made abundantly obvious that the media had acted outside of any reasonable limit even on biased coverage and had, in fact, created such a hysteria over the arrests and alleged activity of the defendants that the public could not help but be instilled with fear and an assumption of their guilt.

The police and crown prosecutor engineered this result by manipulating their relationship with the mass media by feeding them what they wanted... a chance of headlines reading "terrorist" "anarchists" "extremists". Fait accompli ...the public is handed a judgement, many months before trial begins.

At the present time, the "voir dire" section is still in progress and the jury is not present during this period of a "trial within a trial" when the Crown presents the more contentious evidence in their case and defense counsel cross-examines and attacks the admissibility of such. In this trial, police surveillance information and the legality of the wiretap evidence are in question.

Depending on the outcome of these crucial arguments over admissibility, this pre-trial period could extend another 4-6 weeks. That puts the trial proper at starting about early January 1984!

Source: Nov. Issue of FREE THE FIVE NEWSLETTER.

121 Bookshop have a copy of the above mentioned videotape "Trial by Media" and ask anyone in a position to show it in her/his town, workplace, college etc. to give the bookshop a ring on 01-274 6655 between 2-6pm.

USA

While YTS and MSC recruits in Britain are building new prisons (another 4 have been added to the previous planned 10), student-carpenters at Mid Florida Tech in Central Florida USA are put to work constructing a target range for cops. A simulated working class neighbourhood block with 'minority' silhouette targets and recorded street sounds provide realistic settings for the training of local Law officers. It's not unlikely that these vocational students will be future real life targets, victims of their work also.

A.B.C. Orlando Section

Four Orlando men were convicted of holding migrant workers as slaves on farms in Florida and North Carolina. They were given prison terms of from 5 to 15 years.

Source: Tangerine Network

FRANCE

After two years of battles, RADIO LIBERTAIRE (the "masterless" voice) has succeeded in being allocated a frequency. After a government statement saying only 22 frequencies were allowed, RADIO LIBERAIRE and another station were granted a 23rd!

New broadcasting times will be from 3-6am, 1-5pm and 7-12pm. RADIO LIBERTAIRE continue to broadcast on the illegal 89.5mhz.

The fight remains to get 24 hours a day broadcasting be it in Paris,France, or anywhere in the world for anarchist radios.

RADIO LIBERTAIRE - 145 RUE AMELOT, PARIS 75011.

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The French CNT has issued an urgent appeal in support of striking staff at the Orangers Clinic at Merignac on the outskirts of Bordeaux. The strike, organised and led by the CNTS France is at the time of going to press in its 7th week and demands:

1. The scrapping of a new shift work rota giving 4 days on and 4 days off, for the re-introduction of the old rota giving 2 days on and 2 days off.
2. An increase in the number of night-staff.
3. For more equitable sharing of jobs.
4. A minimum monthly wage of 4,000F (£330 approx.) - at the moment the staff are on SMIC which is the minimum legal monthly wage of under £300.

The longer the strike continues the more precarious the financial situation of the strikers becomes and its outcome will no doubt affect the wages and conditions of many thousands of workers in French clinics which are run as private institutions.

Send all donations and letters of support to: CNT, 42 Rue Lalande, 33000 Bordeaux. France. All cheques should be made out toCCP 2099010N/PARIS and state "Solidarite Orangers".

Masked guerrillas drove away a lorry of automatic weapons and ammunition from a French army barracks at Foix, near the Spanish border, early on 22 November, leaving behind soldiers bound and gagged for two hours before the alarm could be raised. The group, ten strong, left no clues as to their identities. although the authorities have blamed ETA. The barracks was a reservationists' centre where large quantities of arms are stored for use during any national mobilisation. The guerrillas worked for two hours, loading their lorry, before making their getaway.